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## Chinese Are Excluded

During January Ottawa Received  
No Returns From the Poll  
Tax.

Copies of Interim Neutrality  
Proclamation Forwarded to  
Collectors.

Funny Sides American Papers  
Must Be Mailed With News  
Section.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—A fire which started in the basement of the Geological Survey building was quenched by the timely action of Mr. Wait, an assistant chemist.

Not a single Chinaman entered Canada during January. The increase in the poll tax has evidently put a stop to Chinese immigration.

Hon. William Miller, senior member of the Senate, today attained his 70th birthday. Mr. Miller has been here for some weeks, and was warmly congratulated by his many friends.

Copies of the interim proclamation of neutrality in the war between Japan and Russia were forwarded to the collectors of customs today. Collectors are instructed to report by telegraph to the customs department any ship of either belligerent which carries coal under the published rules and apply for instructions by telegraph in any exceptional or doubtful cases.

Notification has been issued by the

## ADMIRAL TOGO REPORTS OPERATIONS

Official Account of Actions Before Port Arthur Modestly Outlined by  
the Commander of the Japanese Fleet. First Attack Took Place  
Monday Night, and Was Repeated Tuesday.

### Russian Transport Blown Up

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—A report has been received from Viceroy Alexieff saying that the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei has been blown up, as the result of accidentally striking a mine at Port Arthur. The Yenisei and Capt. Stepanoff, three officers and ninety-one men were lost.

Tokio, Feb. 12.—Vice-Admiral Togo's official report of the work of the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur reached Tokio late this afternoon. The report was written at sea February 10, at a point undisclosed by the navy department. The report briefly and modestly recounts the Japanese victory. Vice-Admiral Togo left the battle ground not knowing the full extent of the damage his tor-

pedoes and shells had inflicted, but he was evidently confident that the Russians had suffered heavily.

A translation of Vice-Admiral Togo's report follows: "After the combined fleet, Sasebo on February 8, everything went well, and until mid-morning February 8, our advance squadrons attacked the enemy at Port Arthur. At the time the enemy's advance squadron was, for the most part, outside of Port Arthur. Of the advance squadron at least the battleship Poltava, the cruiser Askold and two others appeared to have been struck by our torpedoes."

"On February 9th, at noon, our fleet advanced in the offing of Port Arthur bay and attacked the rest of the enemy's ships about forty minutes. The result of the attack is not yet known, but it is believed considerable damage was inflicted on the enemy, and I believe they were greatly demoralized. They stopped fighting about 4 o'clock and appeared to retreat into the harbor. In this action the damage to our fleet was very slight and our fighting strength is not in the least decreased. The number of killed and wounded was 58; of these four were killed and 54 wounded."

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"The conduct of all our officers during the action was cool, not unlike that during the ordinary manoeuvres. Since the fight their spirits have been high, but their conduct was very calm during the battle. This morning, owing to a heavy south wind, there has been no communication between the ships and no detailed report has been received from each vessel, so I report merely the above facts.

"Signed, 'Togo.'

London, Feb. 13.—Complete silence has fallen over the Far East. Not a word of news is to be had here, except the report given out at the Japanese legation of the shelling of the two Japanese merchant vessels by four Russian torpedo boats, and the report from Vice-Admiral Togo concerning the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei. This long silence has given rise to the belief that important events are transpiring.

The Daily Mail learns the Japanese will

## Banks Are Again Open

Baltimore Institutions Resume  
Business and Prospects Be-  
gin to Brighten.

Liberal Offers Made of Money  
With Which to Rebuild the  
City.

Vaults of the City Safe Deposit  
Companies Rapidly Being  
Cleared of Treasures.

Baltimore, Feb. 12.—The business situation appeared brighter today than at any time since the catastrophe. The regular transaction of business in the Chamber of Commerce included displays of southern grain, hay, straw, feed, and the usual calls and the posting of out-of-town markets, together with the receipt of grain by elevators and the payment of all checks by banks were events that sent a thrill of genuine confidence through the business community.

Secretary of the United States Treasury Shaw's call for a loan for emergency to transfer money by telegraph to Baltimore from all cities having a sub-treasury, will probably be made a permanent thing. If it is, Baltimore will secure an advantage that it has long sought. The decision of the Baltimore clearing house to issue bonds to remove much inconvenience now handicaps the clearing houses here. This will be done on Monday and will restore an important function of the banking business. A conference will be held tomorrow between the government committee of the stock exchange and the executive committee of the clearing house.

The purpose of this conference is to arrange for the standing call loans available funds for new loans and other points of interest. The offer of a New York insurance company to loan \$2,000,000 in Baltimore for rebuilding purposes is a striking illustration of the readiness of outside capital to invest in this city. This money is offered at 4 1/2 per cent, free of commission. Another insurance company has offered to lend the city \$500,000 available at once.

The task of clearing the pile of brick, mortar and rubbish from streets was pushed forward today with remarkable energy. The work of emptying the safe deposit vaults of the ruined buildings has progressed rapidly. This is being done with extraordinary precautions. An escort of United States cavalry accompanies the wagons on which the treasures are hauled. Sharpshooters in plain clothes ride on the wagons and detectives follow closely on the sidewalks.

Clerks of the banks owning the valuables are also on the wagons and have their hands constantly on revolvers. Along the route chosen the police are also on the alert and it is impossible to get within ten feet of these vehicles. The money and securities in these vaults are being carried to the vaults of banks and companies that escaped the fire.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 12.—Proof of the fact that Baltimore is resuming its normal condition was given today when all the banks opened in temporary quarters supplied with funds.

At a conference held today between Mayor McLane and the citizens' committee, it was decided that no call would be made for outside assistance to relieve the distressed situation caused by the fire.

The most cheerful advance Baltimore has yet made in emerging from the cloud cast by the great conflagration of last Sunday and Monday, was made today. An incident that inspired tremendous confidence was the resumption by the banks, and business in these institutions was greatly aided.

It is known now that Baltimore's terminal facilities are intact and that the grain elevators were not burned, has also served to promote a popular conviction that the situation is not as dark as it has heretofore appeared. Indeed the optimistic feeling is growing daily.

Baltimore and South street, which at sunrise were confused masses of rubbish, are practically clean at night. Howard and Pratt streets also are possible. Many damaged houses were pulled down. All through the financial district preparations are being made to open safes and vaults. In those of the Marine Bank, the German Bank and the German Fire Insurance Company opened today, the cash and books were taken out uninjured.

The Chamber of Commerce has sent out a notice that Baltimore is now in prime condition to do all foreign business. New charter offices are now completed. On all sides there is great activity and plans looking to the rebuilding of the business houses. As a result it is expected that the prices of building material will advance about 10 per cent.

The matter of accepting aid from other cities has not yet been finally decided upon, but the indications are that Baltimore will be duly able to take care of all cases of want. The federated charities have received more than half a dozen applications for assistance. An insurance company offered a loan of \$500,000 to the city today, but it was declined. The mayor also told Congressman Walker that he, as yet, has seen nothing to justify an appeal to congress for aid.

Among the messages of sympathy received today was one from the Pope. The savings banks issued a statement today saying they are in as good a position as ever, and will reopen February 15th.

## AMERICAN WARSHIP RAMS A COLLIER

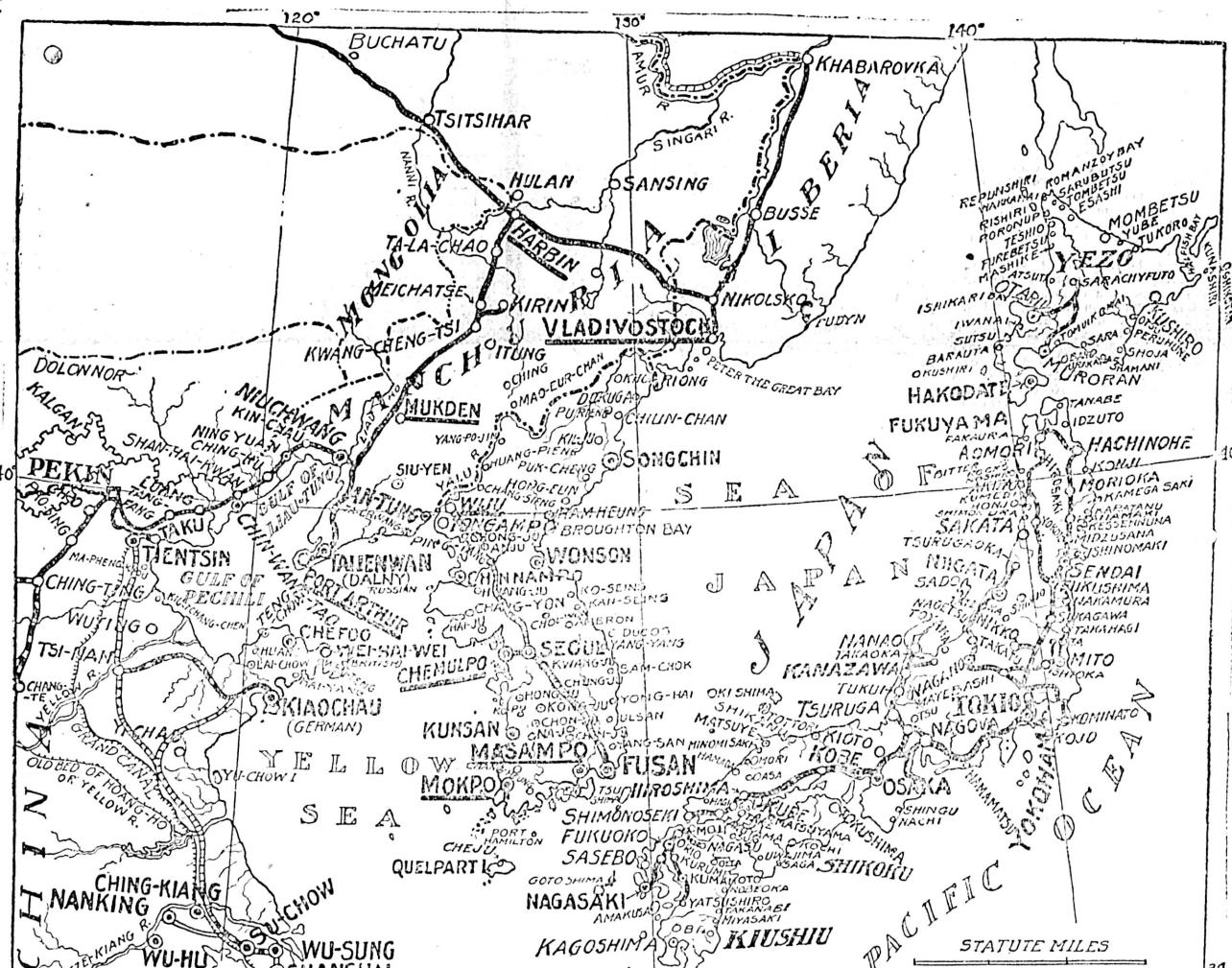
Gunboat Concord Strikes a Sis-  
ter Ship in Harbor at  
Panama.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—The mail steamer San Jose, just arrived from South America ports, brought the information that the American gunboat Concord had been rammed by a gunboat Concord in the harbor of Panama. Mobilization of the army has been effected without a hitch, the transportation of soldiers and supplies by trains of the railway from the interior to the coast proceed with great precision.

THE CUBAN LOAN.

Havana, Feb. 12.—Spyer & Co., of New York, have contracted to take to the \$1,000,000 Cuban loan. The price to be paid for the bonds is 90 1/2 per cent, one-half per cent, above the minimum rate.

## THE LATEST MAP OF THE SEAT OF WAR



ADMIRAL TOGO  
REPORTS OPERATIONS

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considered extremely doubtful whether Russia felt herself in a position to make any preparations for war, and that made her warlike operations. The question was said to be for the military authorities to decide, and the representations of the United States, which was understood to be couched in the most courteous terms, possibly would be referred to Vice-Admiral Alexeef.

Newspapers here do not fully understand the purport of the note, and regard it as an attempt at mediation, the bare suggestion of which while the country is smarting under the sting of defeat, creates irritation. The prompt declaration of the neutrality of the United States has made a good impression here.

The following clause in Secretary Hay's note is considered here to be important:

Proposing joint representations to Russia and Japan to prevail upon them to circumscribe the war operations as far as possible, with a view to preventing disorders in China, which might threaten international trade, and to the preserving the integrity of China.

at least two battleships and one cruiser were torpedoed by the Japanese boats. The enemy retired within the port.

The Japanese combined squadron arrived outside of Port Arthur in the morning of the 9th, and engaged the enemy's fleet, which was still outside and inflicted considerable damage. The Japanese fleet suffered very slightly, the total casualties being four killed and fifty-four wounded. Not one of the ships was damaged to any extent that would injure its fighting powers. The officers and crews of the Japanese fleet are reported to have engaged in the action with the same calmness which would have characterized their conduct during ordinary manoeuvres.

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## FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS.

Cruiser and Torpedo Destroyers Ordered for Far East.

Brest, France, Feb. 12.—The authorities have been officially advised that the torpedo boat destroyers *Pistole* and *Javeline* are to be sent to the Far East shortly. The cruiser *D'Assas* has been ordered to ready for sea in four days. Cherbourg, Feb. 12.—The work of commissioning the cruiser *Admiral Aubre* and *Dosan* is being hastened, and it is believed that the officials will accept the new cruiser *Kleber* without waiting for her trials to be completed.

CATARARR CANNOT BE CURED.

With LOCAL APPLICATORS as they cannot cure the disease, Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces.

His Majesty's Brigade of Footguards is badly off for recruits. The Irish Guards being a single battalion regiment is at full strength, but the Grenadier, Coldstream and Scots Guards are over 1,200 under strength. The cavalry are over strength and suitable men are getting leave to transfer to the brigades of guards, most unusual course.

Engineer Commander Walter J. Featherstone recently in charge of H. M. S. *Victor*, flagship battleship.

H. M. S. *Grafton*, Commander Featherstone has served in the engineering department since July, 1879, attaining his present rank in May, 1901. He was assistant engineer on H. M. S. *Achilles* during the Egyptian war, 1882, for which he holds the medal with clasp and the Khedive's bronze star.

Artificer Engineer C. A. Sharkey has also been appointed to the flagship from

H. M. S. *Magnificent*, flagship of Rear Admiral the Hon. H. H. Lambton, second in command of the Channel Squadron, which is about to go out of commission.

Another local appointment is that of Capt. H. S. Wright, Army Service Corps, transferred to Esquimalt, B. C., from Halifax, N. S. Capt. Wright was formerly a subaltern of the Royal Musketeers, which he joined in 1885. He got his present grade in the A. S. C. three years ago.

The new sloop *Clio*, Commander Willes, has been commissioned for service on the Australian station, and leaves at once for her destination. Her skipper is well known on the Pacific station.

## MICHAELOVISKY'S FUNERAL.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—The funeral of M. K. Michaelovsky, the celebrated critic and publisher, who died February 10th, took place here today and was one of the largest that has been seen in St. Petersburg in many years. The church where the services were held could not be approached because of the dense crowd surrounding it and fully 5,000 persons walked to the Bolkov cemetery four miles away singing funeral dirges. The coffin was borne by hand the entire distance.

## ASTHMA CURED.

After 35 Years' Suffering.

Mr. H. LeClare, St. Peter street, Montreal, suffered for 35 years. I have been a great sufferer from Asthma, which I inherited from my mother, who has since died from Asthma. I have spent thousands of dollars with doctors and remedies. Finally my doctor advised a change of climate. My friend, Mr. J. Thorn, who has been cured by Clarke's Kola Compound, brought me a bottle, and I afterwards took six bottles of this grand medicine. I have since a new man, and my asthma has disappeared. Ten dollars spent on Dr. Clarke's Kola Compound has done for me what over two thousand dollars failed to do. I consider it a godsend to the Asthmatic. A sample bottle of Clarke's Kola Compound will be mailed free to any person troubled with asthma. Address: The Clarke & Macpherson Co., Limited, Toronto, Can. Sold by all druggists.

## FIRE AT PETERBORO.

Another Large Cereal Mill Destroyed in the East.

Peterboro, Feb. 12.—Damage to the extent of \$100,000 was done by fire this morning to a large mill of the American Cereal Co. The fire apparently started from spontaneous combustion and will necessitate the closing down of the mill for nearly six months, throwing over four hundred men out of employment.

## BURGLARS BLOW SAFE.

Woodstock, Feb. 12.—Burglars blew open the safe of Colonel James Munro, M. L. A., who does business as a private banker. In Embeth last night, and got away with a large sum of money, the safe was completely wrecked by the dynamite. The burglars first called at the Traders' Bank, but were scared away by finding two clerks there armed with revolvers, with whom they exchanged shots. No damage was done. There were three men in the gang.

## DESPONDENT ACTOR'S SUICIDE.

Spokane, Feb. 12.—George A. Yielding, an actor, killed himself in a rooming house in the hall of the Hotel Spokane tonight. He passed the night of a revolver in his mouth, fired the weapon and fell dying at the door of Florence Roberts, the actress. Inability to obtain employment is believed to have caused the act. Yielding was 31 years old and leaves a divorced wife and child in Rochester, N. Y., and a brother in Detroit.

## WHEN WASHING GREASY DISHES OR POTS AND PANs, LIVER'S DRY SOAP (a powder) will remove the grease with the greatest ease.

## ENDORSE ROOSEVELT.

Announcement of Action of Convention Followed by Touching Incident.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 12.—Just as the resolution adopted by the Ohio Republican convention late this afternoon endorsing President Roosevelt for President, passed almost by unanimous vote, George H. V. Vasek arose and in a broken voice announced the desperate condition of Senator Hanna. An impressive silence upon the assembled crowd, which was followed by the introduction of Senator Foraker, who spoke most feelingly of his colleague in the Senate. Senator Foraker said that while there had been differences of a political nature between Mr. Hanna and himself, they had all been fought in the open, and he had the most sincere admiration and respect for him. He added that if Hanna should die the country would lose one of its greatest statesmen and leaders.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists round the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each kage.

NEWS OF THE  
ARMY AND NAVY.

## Cruise of the Grafton...Appointments to the Pacific Squadron.

From Our Own Correspondent.

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**A New Wrinkle, (No. 2.)****Brown Soup Stock**

Three tablespoonsfuls of Armour Extract of beef, 3 quarts cold water, one sprig marjoram, one half tea-spoonful pepper, 2 sprigs each carrots, turnips, onions, cut indies, 1 bay leaf, 3 sprigs thyme, 1 tablespoonful salt, 2 tablespoonsful of butter.

Melt the butter, add the onion and brown; then add the vegetables and seasonings to cold water; cover and cook slowly one hour; strain carefully and while hot add the Beef Extract, stirring until it is thoroughly dissolved. Add the salt and pepper, if possible. This stock is used for a number of soups and should be made in considerable quantities and kept in a cool place until it is all used.

Above is taken from edition de luxe "Culinary Wrinkles" (just out) which will be sent postpaid to any address on receipt of a metal cap from jar of Armour's Extract of Beef.

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# Armour's Extract of Beef

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Sold by all Jobbing and also retail drug and grocery trade.

## The Clallam Investigation

Evidence of Chief Officer Of Ill-fated Steamer Taken Yesterday.

Captain Roberts Did Not Manifest Excitement and Was Cool.

The investigation into the wreck of the Clallam was resumed before Coronet Hart yesterday forenoon.

D. W. Doney, on being sworn, said he was chief officer of the Clallam, and held a master's certificate and had been on the sea since 1884.

Witness had been on this boat five months, and prior to the time of the accident never heard of any trouble with leaking nor with the steering gear, but there was a new rudder put in about a month before the accident. The boat always seemed to answer all right, and he never heard there was any difficulty. Went below about half-past two on the afternoon of the wreck and never went back to the wheelhouse, but was most of the time down below bailing. Everything went well till about 2 o'clock, and the engineer was said to be about half-past two that the deadlight was broken. Then both the captain and witness went below to the port side. The captain told witness to go up the mast to see what was the matter; went down and found the chief engineer and one of the oars were working on the deadlight. Witness assisted all he could, and when he went back on deck he found she had shifted her cargo. There was no water to the rear of the engine room at that time. When they had the deadlight closed he went on deck where they were starting cargo. She kept leaking water into the port, and when the port was closed the water soon went down to set the sail and get around before the wind. He set the jib, but it would not answer. So shortly after the engineer came up and reported there was too much water and it was putting the fires out. In the meantime the assistant engineer said the deadlight was opened up again. The captain then told witness to take a couple of men and close the deadlight again. There was about a half foot of water in the engine room. While we were working in the engine room they lowered the boats. The engines had stopped before witness went down the second time. Did not hear the order to lower the boats. One boat went around the bow and the other around the stern. No, 1 boat swamped after she got around the stern, but No. 3 got away about 500 feet before she swamped. When we started to lower No. 5 the falls got jammed and split some of the people out so we did not lower very far. The captain then gave orders to lower the boats on the other side. We swung them over the side and then got orders not to lower them any further, but to wait to the last; and then got orders from the captain to bail after I had come from the engine room. Witness made up his mind that the boat could not last very long and reported same to Captain Roberts. It was some where near 6 o'clock when the boats were lowered in, and took about 45 minutes to lower them. Was rather surprised when he heard that the boats were ordered to be lowered. We were about four to five miles from Trial Island when the boats were lowered. We kept bailing from 5 o'clock.

About 9:30 pm, the tug Holyoke came along and asked the captain if he would be of any assistance, the captain replying that he wanted to be towed to Victoria. The captain of the Holyoke said he would not, but would tow him to Port Townsend. Capt. Roberts replied that what he wanted was to get to the port. The falls got jammed and split some of the people out so we did not lower very far. The captain then gave orders to lower the boats on the other side. We swung them over the side and then got orders not to lower them any further, but to wait to the last; and then got orders from the captain to bail after I had come from the engine room. Witness made up his mind that the boat could not last very long and reported same to Captain Roberts. It was some where near 6 o'clock when the boats were lowered in, and took about 45 minutes to lower them. Was rather surprised when he heard that the boats were ordered to be lowered. We were about four to five miles from Trial Island when the boats were lowered. We kept bailing from 5 o'clock.

Capt. Roberts never consulted witness on anything. The only thing witness did on his own responsibility was the dumping of the cargo. Witness always handled the rudder around the harbor and never had any difficulty with it.

Witness said he never refused to go up the harbor on account of the steering gear and never spoke to any one about it. The only reason he refused to handle her once was on account of the wind and he did not care to take any responsibility.

Questioned by Mr. McPhillips witness stated they were about four or five miles southwest of Trial island. In ordinary weather it would have taken about fifty minutes to reach Victoria. Witness was quite satisfied that after he had closed the deadlight the first time that there would be no more trouble on that point.

Witness was positive that all the water did not come through the deadlight, but could not say where it did come from.

The captain was not excited, but acted as he always did and seemed to have control of the ship up to the time she went down.

John B. Hafferman described the machinery of the ill-fated steamer, saying that it was first-class in every respect.

The inquest was adjourned until Tuesday afternoon.

**PERSONALS.**

W. A. Boulbee, representing Boyd, Burns & Co., came over from the Mainland last night and is registered at the Vernon.

W. H. Sproat, port engineer White Pass & Yukon, is guest at the Vernon.

J. B. Eager and J. B. Eager are guests at the Hotel Vernon.

A. H. Findlay, manager Western Fuel Co., is registered at the Drillard.

Mr. McGowan, mechanical engineer of the Canadian Pacific railway, is in town in connection with the steamer Princess Victoria. He states that work on it is about completed, and that it will in all probability start on her old run between Victoria and Vancouver about 15th March.

F. R. Stewart was a passenger from Vancouver by the Charmer yesterday evening.

George Brown, representing Pyle's Pearline Manufacturing Co., returned from a business trip to the Interior yesterday evening.

E. A. Wilmer was among the Charmer's passengers from Vancouver last evening.

John P. Turner from a brief visit to the Mainland yesterday evening.

W. K. Houston has returned from a business trip to the Mainland.

Capt. Beecher, Pacific Coast pilot, was a passenger from the Sound by the Whiteman yesterday evening.

Harry Comer, of Vancouver, is in the city, awaiting the arrival of the Great Northern steamer. He is at the Dominion, G. C. Stannard, Toronto; F. Green, Toronto; D. McCormick, Hamilton; W. H. Lee, Texas; Mrs. E. J. Poole, Mrs. H. A. Nicholson, Nanaimo; G. H. Nicholson, Victoria, are registered at the Hotel Victoria.

Mrs. Geo. Roberts left for Seattle on the Whiteman last evening.

Mrs. J. G. Collins and two sons were outgoing passengers on the Whiteman last night, bound for McCullum, Indian Territory.

Capt. David Gilmore, N. Y. Y. plot, returned to Seattle last evening.

B. W. Greer and E. J. Coyle, Canadian Pacific officials, are in town, staying at the Drillard.

## MR. HOBSON BACK FROM CALIFORNIA

Manager of Cariboo Hydraulic Mine Tells of Plans For Season.

J. B. Hobson, manager of the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, arrived in from San Francisco on Thursday night and registered at the Drillard. In conversation with a Colonist reporter, Mr. Hobson stated that his company expected to start operations in Cariboo about the 1st of April. He had just completed arrangements to take over the Victoria Hydraulic Company's plant, which give them about 5,000 inches of water. Next fall the company intend to spend about \$25,000 in a new water supply, building 17 miles of canal and two miles of 48-inch pipe line.

**DISCOVERY OF ADHESIVE GUM.**

How many valuable inventions have been the result of pure accident, while in other cases, men have puzzled their brains with study for a lifetime and brought forth nothing.

It happened one night that a big starch factory on the banks of the Liffey, near Dublin, took fire and great quantities of starch and water were left outside.

Some calico printers, who had been out all night and were quite tired, came along toward morning and one of them stumbled into one of the puddles. He found it so sticky that all of his clothes stuck to him so fast that he had to

stay in bed next morning till his wife soaked them out.

The man knew, from his trade, that the starch and water had formed a very powerful and valuable gum. He went back to the place of the fire and investigated, and the result was the discovery of the adhesive gum now used in sticking postage stamps and which has made many rich. But temperance lecturers need not know it.

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Many cases of Grip and Influenza go straight to the liver, producing Jaundice. The skin gets as yellow as a duck's foot. The use of Humphrey's "77" and Specific 10 puts the liver in working order and cures both Grip and Jaundice. The embarrassing yellow skin is gradually absorbed.

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**WANTS SUB-PORT.**

Board or Trade of Phoenix, B. C. Asks For Customs Facilities.

For years the business men of Phoenix have believed, and justly, that this place was entitled to a sub-port of customs, and this week took action that, it is believed, will result favorably. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. A special meeting of the Phoenix Board of Trade was called Monday evening, and on motion of J. B. Boyle, seconded by Charles D. Hunter, a committee was appointed, consisting of Mayor Rumberger and R. B. Kerst, to draw up resolutions, to be sent with a letter of explanation, by the secretary to the Honorable Minister of Customs, on the subject. The committee consists of W. A. Galbraith, M. V. Duncan Ross, Liberal candidate, and Martin Burrell, Conservative candidate. The resolutions and letter, which were forwarded yesterday, were as follows:

Whereas, the city of Phoenix is the largest town without a customs officer in British Columbia, and probably in Canada.

And whereas, the largest transhipment of minerals in British Columbia, and perhaps in Canada, immediately adjoin and penetrate under the city of Phoenix;

And whereas, two mines adjoining the city shipped 463,000 tons of gold-copper ore in 1903, and the Grandy Company alone has paid approximately \$1,000 a day in freight for more than two years.

And whereas, great quantities of valuable mining machinery have been, and are still being, imported into Phoenix, and a very large import business is done by the merchants of the town.

And whereas, the lack of a customs officer causes the people of Phoenix the greatest possible hardship, expense and annoyance every day in the year.

Therefore, the Phoenix Board of Trade earnestly requests the Dominion government to appoint a customs officer and open a customs office in Phoenix without delay.

G. W. RUMBERGER, President.

W. B. WILCOX, Secretary.

Secretary Hay's Note.—A local joker suggests that, if one may form an opinion from the Associated Press despatches these mornings, it would appear that the United States believes in making hay while the sun shines.

**You Can Keep****The Liver Active**

AND ensure the Regular and Healthful Action of the Bowels by Using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Dominion Exhibition.—A meeting of joint committees representing the various cities holding a meeting yesterday evening for the purpose of discussing ways and means to make the best possible pull for the big Dominion exhibition of 1905. It was decided to ask the city's representatives in the Commons to use every endeavor to secure the needed appropriation for this city, and a statement will be prepared for presentation to the government setting forth the advantages of Victoria and the facilities it has for handling such an affair.

VICTORIA THEATRE, Friday Feb. 19th.

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February 13th,  
THE LAST DAY

ON THE  
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## THE PRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION.

The skilful manner in which Mr. Chamberlain has secured the co-operation and support of almost every important Unionist journal, and even some of those which on other matters of domestic policy do not generally see eye to eye with him, has caused much comment in the United Kingdom. Lord Rosebery, in a speech at Edinburgh, dwelt on this fact in an amusing manner, complaining good-naturedly of the low view of his own character and prospects taken by the press. He went on to deplore what he termed the conversion of so many newspapers to Protectionism. The circumstance has called forth quite a controversy on the influence which the press has on the formation of public opinion, and as might be expected, the views held on the subject exhibit a great diversity.

A good journalist, it is admitted by all, yields a great power, but some of those who admit that, deny that the press, as a whole, is as powerful in converting public opinion as Lord Rosebery assumes it to be. The press disseminates news, and in that way creates public opinion, while the opinions which it expresses on the news that it publishes do, to a considerable extent, govern the form that popular opinion is to take. To do these two things is to have a large share in the creation of popular opinion. But to be successful popular journalism must be in accord with the views of the public. It may, indeed, must, to be entirely successful, lead public opinion. But it must not move too fast or be too far in advance of that opinion. But while we are inclined to believe that the power of the press is not very great in the creation of personal reputation or fame, it has immense opportunities of aiding in the maintenance and increase of such personal attributes when they are secured. As in Mr. Chamberlain's case he is in the columns of the newspapers all day and every day. His proposals; his speeches; his replies to correspondents; his commission of inquiry occupy columns and make his scheme the most prominent feature in scores of newspapers. Without the press Mr. Chamberlain, with all his wonderful energy; his extraordinary facility of expression and his dauntless determination could not have done much.

## RUSSIA AND THE POWERS.

As was to be expected from its utterances during the past few months, the semi-official Russian press is very bitter at Great Britain. During the tedious negotiations between Russia and Japan, there have been frequent insinuations in the newspapers of St. Petersburg that the demands made by the Japanese Government were instigated from London. Although, of course, there was no foundation for such a suggestion, it has been persisted in and it is, therefore, not surprising that Great Britain now comes in for a bitter attack in connection with the successful Japanese engagement with the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. The St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya charges that Great Britain allowed the Japanese fleet to use the port of Wei-Hai-Wei as the base from which it attacked Port Arthur, and bitterly assails Great Britain for it. "In allowing Japan to use the harbor (of Wei-Hai-Wei) as a basis of operations," the Novoe Vremya says, "Great Britain violated the fundamental principles of neutrality." It continues that "Wei-Hai-Wei must be regarded henceforth as part of Japanese territory and Great Britain has forfeited the right to participate in any deliberations over the eventual fate of the harbor." The newspaper holds that the case is analogous to that of the Alabama, and that Russia is entitled to demand compensation from Great Britain for the losses she has sustained. It is unfortunate for the Russian contention that it comes after the protest made by the Russian Government a few days ago against what it asserted was a violation by Japan of the principles of the international code of ethics by attacking Russian vessels before a formal declaration of war had been issued at Tokio. If the Russian contention in that matter is correct, then there was not a state of war when the Japanese vessels used the harbor of Wei-Hai-Wei previous to their departure for Port Arthur, and there was nothing in the law of nations to cause the British authorities to refuse the common hospitality of their port to the vessels of a friendly nation. If, on the other hand, the Novoe Vremya's present contention has any justification, then the complaint of the Russian Government to the Powers that Japan had violated international law, by the action of her navy before she had formally declared war, cannot be sustained.

There is every reason to believe that not only Great Britain, but France, the United States and other Powers will endeavor to observe the strictest neutrality in the present contest, and do everything in their power to see that such a course is followed by their people. There can be no question that all these nations are earnestly desirous that the war should be confined to the two countries now involved in it. While the United States is not so directly interested, politically, as are Great Britain and France by their respective alliances with Japan and Russia, it has consid-

erable commercial interests that must suffer by any extension of the area of the war. To Great Britain and France it is a matter of supreme importance that the contest should not be extended. It would be little short of a worldwide disaster should these two great Western nations be brought into conflict with one another through their alliances with Japan and Russia. The prominence that has been given to the statement that neither China nor Korea would be regarded as coming within the meaning of those treaties of alliance and involve Great Britain or France in obligations, should either China or Korea join Japan, may be regarded as proof of the anxiety at London and Paris to avoid being drawn into the conflict. For similar reasons the desire evinced at Washington that the localization of warlike operations should be plainly defined, is easily understood. Korea, it is admitted, cannot be excluded since Japan's interests there cannot be ignored. China, with the exception of Manchuria, is to be regarded as outside the war zone. Russia's demand that Manchuria should be regarded as the same as China proper, is only in line with her ordinary diplomatic methods, but it is not to be supposed that Japan would consent to such a suggestion. In this matter, as in its contentions about Japan's violation of international law by commencing hostile operations before a formal declaration of war, Russian diplomacy has overreached itself. It refused to agree to Japan's request that Russia should acknowledge by treaty, China's territorial control of Manchuria, and thereby has made it impossible for it to consistently deny Japan's right to regard Manchuria as within the area of warlike operations.

In the interests of peace, a succession of successes, whether by sea or land, like that already achieved by Japan, should be welcomed. We attach no importance to the rumors that Russia is already anxious that some Power should endeavor to bring about an arrangement that would end the war. But a situation, brought about by Japanese victories in which Russia was reduced to comparative impotence in the Far East by her inability to continue operations with energy and on the necessary scale on account of their distance from the base of supplies, might induce moderation at St. Petersburg and lead to such a settlement as would ensure peace for long time in the Orient and without any disturbance of the balance of power.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## ROCKET SCARE.

Mr. Editor: Honored Sir—Hitts wrong to throw up rockets on a bad night like last night, without letting parties know, as might think it was a ship in trouble, like the Catham as didn't do Hitt when she was and climb all your stars to tell you. Don't you think so yourself.

## ONE AS WATCHES.

## A DEFINITE RAILWAY POLICY.

Ste—the announcement of the Premier that the government will require a short time in which to formulate a definite railway policy has been received by all who have the interests of the country at heart with feelings of satisfaction. The governments of the past have erred in bestowing charters that locked up millions of acres of land and creating positions that lowered the credit of the country to the possible charter mongers who used the concession for the purpose of blackmailing and holding up men of capital and influence. Under the system which Mr. McBride has foreshadowed the hold-up men will disappear from the lobby for only those who have a genuine purpose in view and a genuine backing will be listened to. In the future promoter will have to show his bona fides and will have to prove by the deposit of adequate security in money or convertible bonds that his backers are substantial men, and when he says J. J. Hill, or E. H. Harriman or W. A. Clarke's behind him, he must be able to show the use of the name has been authorized. We have had too many failures in the past to record—too many instances where names that are great in the financial world without their owners being aware of the fact, have been employed to secure legislative favor. The McBride government intends to deal only with principals and to dispense with the middleman or hawker. They deserve the support of all parties and will get it.

## SCRUTATOR.

## PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Mr. Andrew McKnight has been a prisoner at home since the middle of last week from the effects of an injury sustained by stepping on a nail, which penetrated the foot to the bone. While regretting the unfortunate accident, we are pleased to learn that Mr. McKnight is now improving—Cumberland News.

At St. John's man, Vancouver, last week, Rev. Robert Laird united in marriage M. P. Stewart, of the firm of Clarke & Stewart, proprietors of the Nicola Stage line, and Miss Etta Lillian Trodron, sister of James Trodron of New Westminster. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have gone to the mountains of California for their wedding trip, and on their return will reside at Nicola—Kamloops Sentinel.

Rev. Thomas Crosby, the veteran Methodist missionary, who for 24 years directed the operations of his church at Fort Simpson, B. C., arrives in town this evening and will fill the pulpit of the Methodist church tomorrow. Mr. Crosby is making a missionary tour of the Rockies. The Comanches of the Northwest coast are always entertaining and he will be heard with much interest—Nelson News.

Boundary mines shipped more ore during the month of January than for any similar period since they started going to Boundary Falls smelters being closed for the time being. The total weight being about 75,000 tons. The Granite mine, which is a heavier shipment than for months past. The Snowshoe, of course, is not on the shipping list for the present, while the company is being reorganized—Phoenix Pioneer.

The Canadian mine of Camp McKnight is likely to remain idle indefinitely. At the annual meeting recently held in Vancovuer, a dividend of 4 per cent was ordered paid, leaving only \$5,000 in the treasury, and it was decided not to open the mine. Some time ago the Cariboo was closed and pumps taken out, the local management announcing that there was no further ore in sight. Shareholders in the company were opposed to this action, and believed that some of the money in the treasury should be used for development work, and it was confidently believed that further ore bodies could be opened up. It was hoped that this view would prevail at the annual meeting but evidently the majority of shareholders didn't believe in expending any money on development work—Greenwood Times.

The railway question is the one all-absorbing topic in these days of great suspense throughout the Similkameen. The common salutation: "Any railway news?" gives but a faint idea of the eagerness with which any old scrap of information is heard or scanned. There are some fifteen projects for the local government to legislate on, of which with but one exception, are claimants to the trust. The total of which would be about \$20,000,000. The "one exception" alluded to is that of President Hill of the Great Northern, who will build a Coast to Kootenay railway through the Similkameen

valley without a dollar of bonds providing he is allowed to deduct his line south of the international boundary line where better grades are obtainable, less mileage of construction and the possibilities of greater tonnage more favorable than by any other route—Similkameen Star.

A deal has been consummated at Seattle whereby capitalists secure four valuable Poplar creek claims owned by Rossland Mining. The group purchased includes the Lucky Jack No. 2 and the Riverdale, situated north of the Lucky Jack bonanza claim, together with the Lakeshore and Mountain claims, the latter being the Swiss group. The property was owned by Harry McIntosh, John Y. Cole, Antoine Hanson and E. C. Leeder. The Lucky Jack Mining Company has been floated at Seattle, and the concern will commence work on the claims shortly—Trout Lake Topics.

## THE BIRDS' BREAKFAST-TABLE.

There is a suggestion for all girls and boys who live where snow falls in "The Birds' Breakfast-table" in the February St. Nicholas, telling how many Hudson River valley birds are fed winter after winter at Cherrycroft. Cherrycroft is the home of Amelia E. Barr, the writer, and son of the late Dr. and Mrs. John Barr of Cornwall. The hospitality of Cherrycroft is so widely known among its bird neighbors near and far that every fall Mrs. Barr lays in grain, corn, and hickory-nuts by the bushel to provide for her feathered guests. Among the interesting incidents of this friendly hospitality Isabel Gordon Curtis recounts the appearance of Cherrycroft's generosity shown during the blizzard of 1888.

## A SCANDAL.

He took the solemn bridal vow, To love and cherish her—and now, He beats her—so they say.

They say he drinks, and o'er his glass, He thrashes her each night; It wrings my heart, and yet alas! I know that they are right.

He drinks and beats her with his hand; Yet bright Love's tapers glow— Hot lemonade's his limit, and They play bezique, you know. —Robert Service.

## MEN AND THINGS.

The average farm laborer's family in England lives on \$185 a year; the average mechanic's family spends \$300.

Parts of the Sea of Azov are frozen so hard that it is reported artillery might with safety be manœuvred over the surface.

The annual loss from the burning of buildings in the United States is about \$135,000,000, not including cost of insurance and the appliances for fire protection.

Atlantic liners to the number of fifty have wireless telegraph apparatus to communicate with forty-eight land stations. Sixty British and twenty-four Italian war vessels are so equipped.

The entire French wheat crop for 1903 is 25,256,400 hectolitres (358,315,063 bushels). This is the largest harvest ever gathered, with the exception of the crops of years 1874, 1892 and 1896.

A novel Belgian method of dealing with smoke consists in driving it by fans into a porous receptacle over which flows a stream of petroleum. The smoke is caught and turned into a gas that gives heat and can be used for running gas engines.

The income of the Emperor of Russia is \$25,000 a day; the Sultan of Turkey, \$18,000; Emperor of Austria, \$5,000; King of Spain, \$6,000; King of England, \$6,500; King of Belgium, \$4,500; President of France, \$5,000; President of the United States, \$10.

The use of such a commercial quantity for Christmas decoration dates back to 1890, yet today the plant is known and used the world over, and last year no less than 70,000,000 guinea ducks were shipped from the mountains of North and South Carolina.

The colonial treasurer of the Transvaal has ordered for \$500,000 worth of pennies, with the view of aiding in the reduction in the cost of living in the Rand. Owing to the dearth of pennies, matches are at present used as a portion of the currency of the Rand.

The annual report just issued by the United States Civil Service Commission clearly shows the fact that of all the officers of post and telegraph departments for malfeasance, "not one entered the service through competitive examination." This, the report adds, "should be gratifying to the advocates of the merit system, who hold that employees secured through fair, open competition are more likely to have a greater degree of integrity, as well as efficiency, than employees appointed under the patronage system."

If you feel too tired for work or pleasure, take Hood's Sarsaparilla—it cures that tired feeling.

## RISIDIBILITIES.

"They may abuse Wall street all they please," said a Philadelphia man, "but I come out \$700 ahead the last time I was there."

"How did you do it?" asked his friend. "Left the money at home," replied the wise Quaker—Chicago News.

Noel—Don't you think you'd better go home to your wife?

Todd—Not yet, ol' fel'. Let's have a few more rounds. I don't want her to remember what she says—Life.

Kitty—And when we're married shall you insist on my reading your poems and novels?

Author—We'll make a bargain, dearie. If you'll read what I write I'll eat what you cook—Illustrated Bits.

But when can a man be called really famous?" asked the argumentative boarder. "Your first name is Absalom, isn't it?" said the philosopher boarder.

"Yes."

"Well, when a letter addressed simply to 'Absalom Shackford, United States, traces you all right you may consider that you have become famous"—Chicago Tribune.

Boundary mines shipped more ore during the month of January than for any similar period since they started going to Boundary Falls smelters being closed for the time being. The total weight being about 75,000 tons. The Granite mine, which is a heavier shipment than for months past. The Snowshoe, of course, is not on the shipping list for the present, while the company is being reorganized—Phoenix Pioneer.

The Canadian mine of Camp McKnight is likely to remain idle indefinitely. At the annual meeting recently held in Vancovuer, a dividend of 4 per cent was ordered paid, leaving only \$5,000 in the treasury, and it was decided not to open the mine. Some time ago the Cariboo was closed and pumps taken out, the local management announcing that there was no further ore in sight.

Shareholders in the company were opposed to this action, and believed that some of the money in the treasury should be used for development work, and it was confidently believed that further ore bodies could be opened up. It was hoped that this view would prevail at the annual meeting but evidently the majority of shareholders didn't believe in expending any money on development work—Greenwood Times.

The railway question is the one all-absorbing topic in these days of great suspense throughout the Similkameen. The common salutation: "Any railway news?" gives but a faint idea of the eagerness with which any old scrap of information is heard or scanned.

There are some fifteen projects for the local government to legislate on, of which with but one exception, are claimants to the trust. The total of which would be about \$20,000,000. The "one exception" alluded to is that of President Hill of the Great Northern, who will build a Coast to Kootenay railway through the Similkameen

## SHE PATIENTLY BORE DISGRACE

A Sad letter from a lady whose Husband was Dissipated.

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"I had for years patiently borne the disgrace, misery and privation, due to my husband's dissolute habits. Hearing of your marvelous remedy for the cure of drunkenness, which I could give my husband secretly, I decided to try it. I prepared a package and mixed it in tea for him to drink, and, as the remedy was odorless and tasteless, he did not know what was so quickly relieved his craving for liquor. He soon began to pick up flesh, his appetite for solid food returned, he stuck to his work regularly and we now have a happy home. After he was completely cured I told him what I had done, when he acknowledged that he had been saving, as he had not the resolution to break off of his own accord. I heartily advise all women afflicted as I was to give your remedy a trial."

FREE SAMPLE, particularly, testimonials and price sent in plain envelope. Correspondence strictly confidential. Enclose stamp to THE SAMARIA REMEDY CO., 25 Jordan street, Toronto, Canada.

## THE EDDY STRIKE.

Ottawa Journal. The Journal on Monday was published a circular issued by the striking papermakers at the Eddy mills, endorsed by the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association, appealing to organized labor for aid in the strike.

The circular contained a number of false statements. We think most unfortunately, partly because these statements discredit a body which has held a good standing here, the Allied Trades and Labor Association, and partly because The Journal's sympathies have been with the strikers, and the strike is to see any strike succeed by the which it is not. The circular, at least the untrue statements contained in it, slipped into The Journal through carelessness. We regret their appearance and wish to apologize for it to the Eddy Company, and in particular to Mr. E. B. Eddy, who was personally maligned.

The circular stated that the employees of the company "must work from Monday morning at six until Saturday night at twelve." This statement was not true. The facts were as follows: The circular stated that "Mr. Eddy turned his employees out, to safer or to die." Mr. Eddy did not turn his employees out. They chose to leave. They were and are at liberty to go on working and getting paid. The circular stated that a right to live is a right to work, "not one entitles the service through competitive examination." This, the report adds, "should be gratifying to the advocates of the merit system, who hold that employees secured through fair, open competition are more likely to have a greater degree of integrity, as well as efficiency, than employees appointed under the patronage system."

## HIS FATAL BLUNDER.

"Is it true," asked the pilot of the lumber schooner, "that your wife eloped with a policeman?"

"It is," answered the captain; "and I can't imagine how I ever made a mistake like that."

"Mistake?" echoed the pilot.

"Yes," rejoined the other. "You see I took her for a mate, and she turned out to be a skipper."

## A STRANGE COUNTRY.

Korea is Remarkable for Many Things, Especially the Absence of Roads.

Korean sampans ply between the hothole dredging piers and the shipping in the harbor, and fasten by 100 Japanese cents, eighty brass cash or a package of cigarettes one is rowed across the bay—a bay fairly alive with beautiful medusae, which spasmodically expand and contract as they drift by with the tide. As Koreans cannot sit on their heels comfortably on a moving sampan they stand, and in the absence of regular seats the passenger goes shoreward like a Colossus of Rhodes, trimming the sail, and keeping a foot on each side of the centre line, marching through the air with its swaying.

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A Match Arranged.—Forfeits of \$50 each have been deposited on behalf of Chief Two Feathers, who is now in Nanaimo, and of Tom Davis, in respect of an agreement to wrestle in Nanaimo within two weeks, the conditions being that Two Feathers shall throw Davis three times within an hour.

Officers' Social.—The secretary-treasurer of the sergeants' mess, Fifth Regiment, hopes that as many as possible will take advantage of their friends' hospitality and attend the social to be given at Work Point on Monday evening by the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants' club.

Church Parade.—Tomorrow morning the Royal Engineers and the Royal Garrison Artillery stationed at Work Point barracks will parade to the Church of England, Victoria West, for divine service. The troops will leave the barracks at 10:30. The band recently organized in connection with the Royal Engineers will accompany them.

A Call for Funds.—A canvassing committee of the Tourist Association will shortly wait upon the citizens with the object of raising funds for the conduct of the work of the organization for the present year. The finance committee has gone very carefully into the estimates and arrived at the conclusion that about the same amount of money as was expended last year will be required.

H. Abbott, Here.—A visitor to Victoria at the present time is Mr. H. Abbott, formerly superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R. He has not been West for some years and is now on a visit to his son, Hamilton, the company's local agent, and Mrs. Abbott, Mr. Abbott, who is in his seventies, is enjoying excellent health. He has been visiting southern California and is now en route home.

The "Broom Festival."—The suggestion put forward by Mr. George Carter, a member of the executive of the Tourist Association, that a "broom festival" be held in Victoria this year, seems likely to result in the adoption of the idea. The matter has been referred to the 24th of May celebration committee, who are expected to take it up energetically. There seems to be no question at all of the feasibility of the suggestion and the certainty that it would prove a huge success.

A Purse Snatcher.—It is rarely that Victoria is afflicted by that most dastardly of all thieves, the purse snatcher; but on Thursday evening, while crossing James Bay bridge between 8 and 9 o'clock, Miss Harris, daughter of F. R. Harris, had her purse snatched from her hand by a Chinaman, who quickly bolted. He was seen, but did not escape by dashing along Humboldt street. The matter was reported to the police, but so far the Celestine has not yet been captured. The purse contained some small change.

A Popular Pastor.—At the quarterly official board meeting of the Centennial Methodist church the finances were reported to be in a very satisfactory condition and the congregation was increasing. The report was received with unanimous commendation. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Westman, for his efficient work during the past year. The board gave Rev. Mr. Westman a hearty invitation to remain with the Centennial church. Any possibility of Mr. Westman not returning was vigorously opposed, and the necessity for his continued pastorate was strongly urged.

The Pollards.—The Victoria favorites, Pollard's Lilliputian Orpheus Company, the organization of Australian children on the Pacific coast, played at the Baker theatre, Portland, the week of February 1 to the capacity of that popular show shop. The repertoire was, "The Belle of New York," "The Geisha," and "An American Millionaire." In order to give the Pollards the necessary time, Manager George L. Baker sent the Paker Theatre Company on the road through the Willamette Valley. After playing in Portland the children go to Puget Sound, and then leave for the Far East.

Choral Evensong.—A special choral evensong, followed by an organ recital, will be rendered at Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The organist, Geo. Pauline, will be assisted by Messrs. P. Wollaston and A. T. Goward. The choir will also render a special anthem.

A Bid for Visitors.—In May next delegations representing every Methodist Episcopal church in the United States will assemble at Los Angeles in convention and it is anticipated that many of them will come to Victoria for a visit. A special effort is to be made to induce them to come here if only for a day or so.

About Milk.—An unsigned item was

handed into the Colonist yesterday for publication to the effect that at an early date a public meeting is to be

called for the purpose of arranging to

set the city council to enact that all

milk sold in the city shall be 3.5 of but-  
ter fat. No other intimation of such a

meeting has reached the Colonist.

Azied Printer Dead.—Word has been

received announcing the death of Mr.

John E. Jeffrey, son of Mrs. Mary Jeff-

rey of Robinson and Mrs. J. H. S. S.

Robinson of this city. He died at the Inter-

national Typographical Union Home at

Colorado Springs. Deceased was well

known among the printers of this prov-

ince, having been foreman of the Col-

onist forty years ago.

Advertising Victoria.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Company have written the Tourist Association regarding the wishes of the association as to advertising Victoria, and stating that in addition to their own literature they will be pleased to distribute and circulate all that can be spared them. It was decided to accept their offer and to inform them that the association will keep them supplied every month with a sufficient number for all their offices.

Floor Men Anxious.—Flour manufac-

turers are worried over the possibility of that commodity being declared a contraband of war. While those fami-  
liar with the rules of warfare say there is

little probability of such a result yet

in the absence of a specific declaration

from Japan and Russia, mill men are

at ease. In the event that flour should

be declared contraband, it would, for

the time being, practically ruin that

trade from the coast with Russia and

Japan.

"The Eternal City."—The "Eternal

City" Hall Caine's dramatization of his

widely-cared novel of the same name,

with the complete musical setting written

for it by Pietro Mascagni, composer of

"Cavalleria Rusticana," when it

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Friday evening, Mr. Edward Morgan

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His Worship Mayor Barnard.—

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## TEACHERS HOLD A FINE MEETING

Entertaining and Instructive Addresses at a Session Held Yesterday.

The Victoria Teachers' Institute yesterday afternoon held the most successful meeting in their history, having an attendance of over sixty teachers. Progress was reported in the preliminary work of forming an island institute. Inspector Netherby pointed out a number of the difficulties which the local union was endeavoring, most laudably, to overcome, in uniting all the island teachers in one body. A motion was introduced by Mr. McNeilis a motion was adopted, favoring an amalgamation of the island institute, when formed, with the lower mainland association, to form a union of all the teachers on the British Columbia coast. This plan will

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in all probability, be carried to completion at an early date.

That portion of the session most enjoyed by all was Miss J. McAlpine's solo "Spring," which was so excellently rendered that the Institute would not be satisfied with its return a second time.

Miss McAlpine's splendid voice and charming delivery of these selections were most delightful and were enthusiastically received by the teachers. Mr. Russell's work as accompanist was highly pleasing.

J. A. Coates of the Central school read a short paper on the use of a relief map in the junior classes as a means of understanding an ordinary wall school map. The suggestions were in some respects novel, as they recommended the use of certain methods not being employed in any school at the present time.

The essay on "Commercial Geography" further established Mr. Winsby's reputation as an authority on this important subject. He advocated the incidental teaching of the work at first by a study of our own port, ascertaining the uses of the products and methods used in getting the goods transported with the source from whence they came. This introduced the subject of products and industries, and as a result the establishment of cities. Our local products, their sources, preparation, transportation and destination were carefully dealt with. "Later, the subject," Mr. Winsby continued, "can be taught in a more interesting manner, as a separate and distinct topic, full of life and practical interest to the child."

The paper was one of the most logical and carefully prepared efforts that the teachers have heard during the year. Mr. McNeillis, in opening the discussion,

added a number of important details to the paper as read by Mr. Winsby.

A vote of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Paul in their late bereavement was passed.

Miss McAlpine was accorded the hearty thanks of the Institute for the fine selections rendered during the afternoon.

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## CINDERELLA BY DAUGHTERS OF PITY

Successful Dance Last Night at Assembly Hall By Young Ladies.

The annual "Cinderella" for the hospital took place last night under the auspices of the Daughters of Pity, and although the absence of some of the officers was conspicuous and most regrettable, the Daughters of Pity are to be congratulated for their splendid and successful effort. Everyone was unanimous in declaring it the most delightful evening that has yet been given under their auspices. The arrangements were charming, the refreshments sumptuous and the music perfect. The ballroom was crowded with both young and old, and some beautiful costumes were worn by the younger people. In fact they all looked so pretty it would be difficult to particularize. The hall, as usual, was very tastily decorated.

The Daughters of Pity had charge of all arrangements and served the refreshments and won the hearty encomiums not only of those present, but from the general public for their hard and faithful work for such a worthy cause.

The Daughters wish to express their thanks to all those who so kindly contributed towards the supper. Financially the Cinderella was the most successful they have yet had.

A Footpad's Work.—A bold robbery took place on Cormorant street last night about 8:30 o'clock. A Japanese lady, wife of the proprietor of the store next to the Victoria hotel, was walking along Fisgurd street at the hour mentioned, when a Chinaman jumped out of a passage, snatched her purse and disappeared into the darkness. The police, who were immediately put on the track, arrested a Chinaman, but the Japanese could not identify him. The authorities are still on the look-out and believe that the offender is an old-time criminal who has already done service in the government boarding house."

The attention of New Thought students and thinkers and truth seekers of all schools is earnestly directed to a remarkable series of lectures now being delivered in the upstairs hall, A. O. U. W. building, Yates street, by R. H. Kneeshaw, on The Unity of Peing. Four have been given, (1) The Infinite; (2) Mind; (3) Thought; (4) Agreement in Thought. The subject of the fifth is Prayer. Tomorrow evening at 7:30.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Alexander Roland Milne, Deceased.

Pursuant to the Trustees and Executors' Act, notice is hereby given that all creditors of the above-named deceased, and his demands against the estate of the late Alexander Roland Milne, C. M. G., who died at Victoria, B. C., on the 17th day of January, 1904, and letters of administration of whose estate were duly issued to Annie Milne of Victoria aforesaid, the widow of the said deceased, out of the Victoria Registry of the Supreme Court of British Columbia on the 5th day of February, 1904, are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims to the undersigned, the solicitors for the said Annie Milne, on or before the 13th day of March, 1904, after which date the said Annie Milne will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Alexander Roland Milne amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which the said Annie Milne, in her judgment, and the said Alexander Roland Milne, in his judgment, may not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim the said Annie Milne has not had notice at the time of distribution. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 12th day of February, 1904.

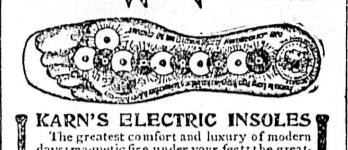
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#### Circular Describing Status of Young Men's Christian Association.

W. B. Fisher, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, is sending out the following circular descriptive of the work and status of the organization:

"The 50 year's history of the Y. M. C. A. must impress the thoughtful honest mind that there is an absolute need for such an institution as the Y. M. C. A. The fact is proved that the movement is becoming universal and receiving permanent support. Victoria has already commenced to recognize her need of an Association, which statement the following figures endorse, being a record of one year's effort.

STATEMENT—MARCH 1st, 1903, TO FEB.

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#### RECEIPTS.

Sustaining Members' Fees ..... \$ 990 \$3  
Ordinary Members' Fees ..... 737 35  
Special Donations ..... 666 83  
Entertainments, Excursion, etc. ..... 575 35  
Collections ..... 108 90  
Sundries ..... 140 63  
Debentures ..... 310 00

\$3,339 00

#### EXPENDITURE.

Furniture, Fixtures and Decoration of Rooms, including Bath Rooms, Gymnasium and Annex ..... 10  
Rent, Lighting and Heating ..... 482 00  
Salaries ..... 1088 35  
Printing, Literature and Sundry Expenses ..... 381 03  
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On the Coast

Str. Queen Arrives From San Francisco Last Evening.

News Notes of the Coast Shipping From All Points.

Steamer Queen arrived last evening about nine o'clock from San Francisco after a pretty rough passage all the way up from the Golden Gate. On Thursday last she got into the southeast gale that was making things lively south of Flattery, and a big sea coming aboard dashed into a number of the staterooms on the upper deck and wetted the bedding in the lower berths. Beyond this no damage was done. The sea was running very high, and off the cape the wind was blowing hard and a nasty cross sea was making the traveling somewhat rough. The Queen brought about the same complement of passengers and quantity of cargo for this port. She did not sight the steamer City of Puebla on the way north. The Puebla reached San Francisco yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, after a stormy passage. She ran into the gale shortly after leaving Victoria, and she got it pretty nearly all the way to the southern port.

YUKON TRADE UNCHANGED.

There Will Be No Decrease in Demand For Goods.

From all that can be gathered in a general way for this winter, the Yukon is a whole world to furnish the size of her order for goods, says the Dawson correspondent of the Seattle P.I. Possibly she will increase it greatly. This hope is made brighter in the fact that the Tahana field last year was far under-supplied, and the coming year gives promise of seeing large developments in activity there.

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PLENTY OF SAILORS.

No Difficulty in Making Up Crews at San Francisco.

Deep sea sailors are reported to be numerous at present and no difficulty is experienced by outward bound ships in obtaining crews. It is remarked as something worthy of record, that an advance of only \$10 a man is being paid for seamen as against \$35 some weeks ago. But the exodus of the salmon and fishing fleet soon to return, will thin the ranks of the men, and skippers will no doubt have the old-time trouble in getting a complement of desirable A. B.'s before the mast.

FRENCH MEASUREMENTS.

Instructions have been received by Deputy Collector of Customs Barnes, of Portland, Ore., who attends the measuring of all craft in Portland, from the Department of Measurements, authorizing him to re-measure all American ships that may visit French ports, on application of the owners or master, in order that their tonnage may conform to the regulations of the French. The new regulations, if adopted, will cover all masters. At France, however, little to say in the Pacific, there is no reason why any of the American craft here should be remeasured, as none of them trade with France or with French ports in other parts of the world.

A BATTERED RELIC.

Yesterday Messrs Campbell &amp; Cullin added to their gallery of ancient and modern curiosities a dilapidated life buoy, once

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The Chinese  
Murder Case

Difficulties About the Proper Oath Causes Adjournment Yesterday Morning.

At the Afternoon Session the Prosecution Had No Chicken To Decapitate.

Proceedings were opened yesterday morning in the Mun Quann murder case and Detective-Sergeant Palmer was called to give evidence as to the plan of the locality in which the assault occurred, which was drawn by him.

This plan was put in as an exhibit. Constable Carson was the next witness and gave evidence of being sent to the Chinese quarter after the assault on Mun Quann identical with that given at the coroner's inquest. He designated on the plan the spot on which he found the injured Chinaman.

Haw Pat was then called, which precipitated a difficulty about the oath and caused an adjournment.

A discussion ensued between counsel as to the character of the oath to be administered. The court was desirous of having the most binding form employed, and counsel put their heads together to ascertain what the Chinese police court oath, the original cause, a more uncommon form, and the chicken oath, the most spectacular, were suggested in turn. W. J. Taylor, who represents the prisoners, quoted an authority in which it was asserted that the chicken or King's oath was the most binding.

It was finally left to the witness. He expressed a preference for chicken, although he said that either one would be binding on his conscience. It was determined that the chicken should be the order, but when Ali Wai, the interpreter, was requested to administer the oath, he refused point blank. He said that he had never administered it and never would, urging conscientious scruples. David, the Vancouver interpreter, was asked to translate into English for the information of counsel and court the written form prepared by the defense interpreter. He pointed out, however, that it was not the proper form, several of the words employed being wrong. It sounded awful enough when he read it, but his object was taken on the ground that he did not follow the form prescribed by the law courts which follow.

After reading the charge, etc., he proceeds: "Being a true witness, I shall enjoy happiness and my sons and grandsons will prosper forever."

"If I falsely accuse (prisoner) I shall die on the street, heaven will punish me, earth will destroy me, I shall forever suffer adversity and all my offspring be exterminated. In burning this oath I humbly submit myself to the will of heaven, which has brilliant eyes to see."

After the witness signs his name to this, the court and officials are supposed to add to it a solemn declaration where the fowl is consumed with due ceremony. Three punks and a pair of Chinese candles must be stuck in the ground and lighted. After the witness reads the oath audibly he wraps it in a Joss paper, then lays the chicken (a cock) on the block, chops its head off, after which he ignites the paper on which the oath is written, and holds it until it is consumed.

Finally an adjournment was ordered until 2 o'clock. In the meantime the form was translated into Chinese.

During lunch a new oath was drawn up, and having been read to the witness, Haw Pat Chung, was declared to be most binding and was accordingly signed.

The prosecution claimed that it was up to the defence to provide the chicken. W. J. Taylor, K. C., said he certainly refused to put up the necessary feathered animal unless the prosecution paid for it. He subsequently refused to provide either chickens, punk sticks or anything else.

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## A WINTER SCOURGE.

La Grippe or Influenza Responsible for Hundreds of Untimely Deaths.

La Grippe starts with a sneeze—and ends with a complication. It lays a strong man on his back; it tortures him with fevers and chills, headaches and backaches. It leaves him a prey to convulsions, brain, kidney, consumption and other deadly diseases. You can avoid La Grippe by fortifying your system with Dr. William's Pink Pills. They protect you; they cure you; they uplift you; they banish all evil after effects. Dr. William's Pink Pills ward off all winter disorders. They cure all blood and nerve disorders. They are the greatest blood-builders and nerve tonics that science has yet discovered. We know this to be the simple truth, but we do not ask you to take our word for it. Ask your neighbors, no matter where you live, and you will learn of someone who has been cured by Dr. William's Pink Pills, after other medicines had failed. It is upon the evidence of your neighbors that we ask you to give these pills a fair trial if you are sick or ailing. Mrs. Emma Doucet, St. Eulalie, Que., says: "Words can hardly tell how pleased I am with Dr. William's Pink Pills. I had an attack of La Grippe which left me a sufferer from headaches and pains in the stomach, and several other medicines, but nothing helped me until I began the use of Dr. William's Pink Pills. When I began them I was weak and very much run down. The pills have completely cured me and I not only am as strong as ever, but have gained in flesh." The genuine pills always bear the full name, "Dr. William's Pink Pills for Pale People," on the label around every box. Substitutes can't cure and to take them is a waste of money and endangers life.

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## WHALING FLEET.

First of the Arctic fleet of whalers to prepare for sea is the schooner Gotama of San Francisco, which has sailed for the Arctic. By the time the Gotama reaches Bering Sea, it is expected, she will find conditions favorable to engage in bone hunting and as soon as possible will sail into the Arctic.

## MARINE NOTES.

German steamer Eva, Captain Peterson, passed up from Port Blakely, Wash., to Nanaimo for coal yesterday afternoon. The Eva arrived from Europe on January 20th. She is a vessel of 2,048 tons.

Steamer Umatilla leaves tonight for San Francisco.

Steamer Lorne will bring the German bark Klyber, Captain Witting, from Chilean waters to Royal Roads today, where she will ship a crew for her voyage to Chile last week.

Steamer Card arrived at the Outer Harbor last evening.

During this time back, as announced some time ago in the Colonist, Mr. Cambie, the C. P. R. engineer, has been considering plans for the extension and improvement of the company's wharves here and in Vancouver. It is said that a decision will be reached at an early date as regards the Victoria wharves, an understanding having been come to with the Dunsmuir government, with whom the negotiations have been pending.

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